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SUBJECT: GTIP ESF PROPOSAL

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Embassy Dhaka is pleased to propose the following project:

A) Title: SOUTH ASIAN REGIONAL COUNTER-TRAFFICKING CAPACITY BUILDING: A PROPOSAL TO CREATE THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN SECURITY RESOURCE CENTER (WCSRC)-DHAKA.

B) POSSIBLE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS: The Daywalka Foundation (Daywalka) and The International Organization for Migration (IOM)

C) DURATION OF PROJECT: Two Years

D) DESCRIPTION:

The creation of a Women and Children Security Resource Center (WCSRC) to provide reintegration training for victims and as well as training for local NGO's; training of specialized law enforcement units in psycho-social services and victim care; development of a survivors database.

WCSRC- Dhaka

In partnership with IOM, Daywalka would build on its networks across South Asia to combat trafficking in persons. A WCSRC is a key information hub in a regional network to increase cooperation across South Asia. In Nepal, WCSRC Kathmandu has created a neutral space for coordination between local and international NGO's, Nepali law enforcement and other Nepali ministries. Based on WCSRC-Kathmandu's track record in fiscal 2003-2004, Daywalka partners support broadening their South Asian regional counter-trafficking network to Kolkata and Dhaka. Requested funds include capacity building and operations costs for the center, as well as computer, literacy and legal rights training of survivors, and library and information outreach and development.

Also included are computer and legal training for local NGOs. In cooperation with local IOM staff and other NGOs in Bangladesh, the new center would encourage victim re-training and reintegration programs. Small business training facilities in combination with microfinance would allow survivors to successfully open their own small businesses in Bangladesh.

Daywalka would work in partnership with IOM to improve outreach to victims of trafficking and to raise awareness of the dangers of trafficking in communities historically victimized by traffickers.

Bangladesh Women's Police Outreach

The BDG has made important but limited strides in the area of victim protection. Gaps in victim services include limited legal aid and inadequate psycho-social treatment. In general, there is insufficient training of police officers regarding trafficking victim sensitization and support reaching to all levels of the police. IOM has the expertise of developing legal enforcement agency training manuals in use in Bangladesh. IOM and Daywalka would cooperate on victim reintegration plans and monitoring with both the police and NGOs. With the development of this office in Dhaka, anti-trafficking groups could work together to create additional safe and secure spaces for victims of trafficking.

Survivor Database

Daywalka and its private full-time attorneys and investigators have already collected trafficking data, so the development of an efficient powerful database has begun. Additional development of communication and information networking resources is required to realize the full potential of this project. Daywalka is developing a survivor database to assess the scope of the problem and centralize survivor assistance information.

SUSTAINABILITY:

The main method to ensure sustainability is close collaboration and partnerships with local NGO's already doing work on anti-trafficking in Bangladesh. Since these projects intend to work with the already established NGO networks and focus attention on building up NGO collaboration, knowledge

of local NGO efforts on anti-trafficking would allow the projects to become integrated and embedded in the established anti-trafficking infrastructure. Daywalka and IOM personnel would review the progress of anti-trafficking programs in consultation with local NGO partners through regular progress reports, field visits which identify objectives and timelines for project completion.

IOM Dhaka office can provide support by monitoring the victim assistance program and training police officials on psycho-social protection. Programmatic and fiscal monitoring of this proposed Bangladesh-based WCSRC and its constituent programs, will be undertaken by IOM. Daywalka would provide IOM with updates and keep in close contact with its field officers.

All MOUs Daywalka is expected to enter into with local NGO partners would require timely submission of local program reporting and auditing of all expenditures of program funds. Further, all Daywalka and local sub-grantee activities would be monitored in-country by Daywalka's country program director, whose efforts will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by their Chief Operations Officer. Daywalka and IOM would continue to establish and facilitate best practices trainings, manuals and national and regional workshops to address trafficking concerns in Bangladesh, with a special emphasis on victim care and reintegration.

E. JUSTIFICATION:

After consulting with local stakeholders and organizations involved in anti-TIP efforts in Bangladesh, it is clear the biggest gap in current anti-TIP efforts is the area of protection--specifically, victim care and rehabilitation. Daywalka's experience and expertise in providing victim re-training and reintegration programs in their WCSRC's and psycho-social counseling and victim support training for specialized police units would help address this need. Since the WCSRC's are intended to help coordinate local NGO work on victim care they will be able to address one of the points from the TIP long term action plan for Bangladesh: a mechanism for the BDG to facilitate the utilization and formal involvement of NGO's that provide legal, medical, and psychological services to trafficking victims. Daywalka's work on a survivor database to track and store information on victims also aligns with another point in the protection section of TIP long term action plan for Bangladesh: track and provide information on the number of victims assisted and the types of assistance they receive.

F. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Performance would be measured in part by further evidence of collaboration between local groups, and by joint projects and policy development. Increase in support services would be qualitatively recorded by interviewing service providers and recipients. A complete performance monitoring plan would be submitted by Daywalka and IOM once funding is awarded.

G. EVALUATION PLAN:

Assessment is central to maximize the relevance and benefits of the WCSRC model. These programs are built around counsel from prominent research institutions and results-driven philanthropists to measure impact. IOM's Dhaka office and Washington would be monitoring the project activities. These evaluations ensure that the overall program would remain on schedule and that all of the participating stakeholders know what to expect and how to best participate to maximize the Center's demand and supply-side anti-trafficking responses.

H. BUDGET BREAKOUT:

WCSRC-Dhaka: \$158,000.00 (including funding for local partners (\$47,000))
Survivor's Database: \$27,000
Bangladesh Women's Police Outreach: \$20,000
Monitoring and Assessment: \$30,000
Indirect Costs: \$63,800

Total: \$299,800

I. TYPE AND AMOUNT OF HOST GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION:

Daywalka and IOM have worked closely with the Bangladeshi government and local NGO's on various counter-trafficking activities. Host country contribution is expected to be approximately 25% of the cost of this project or about \$75,000, measured by in kind contributions of staff time, providing appropriate personnel for training, providing space and logistical support for meetings, transportation support for meetings, as well as other types of logistical and administrative support.

J. PROPOSED FUNDING MECHANISM:

Grant to IOM (ESF Funds)

K. EMBASSY POINT OF CONTACT: Charlene Wang, Human Rights Officer

